

Ascension Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Office closed 12:30 – 1:00 PM daily, & on Fridays

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday – 4:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM and

12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

Tuesday to Saturday - 9:00 AM

Rosary: before daily Masses at 8:30 AM

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

After Tuesday 9:00 AM Mass

First Saturday Holy Hour: After 9:00 AM Mass

HOLY DAY MASSES

Eve of Holy Day – 7:30 PM

Holy Day – 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 3:00 to 3:30 PM and by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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SICK

Contact the Parish Office.

CARE OF THE SICK, SHUT-INS, ELDERLY

The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Ed Leyden



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K to 5 and 6 to 8 and Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45 AM

Contact Greg Rozanski, DRE, at (301) 262-2227

RCIA is for the non-Catholic who is considering joining the Catholic Church and the baptized Catholic who needs to complete the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Contact Greg Rozanski at the Parish Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY is for the youth of our parish in grades 9-12. Contact Kristen Bryant, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Parish Events, at ascensionbowieyg@gmail.com, or Emma Bigony, Youth Ministry Intern, at Ekbigony@aol.com.

ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL

Ascension is one of four parishes supporting St. Pius X Regional School. For more information about enrolling children in grades K-8, please call: (301) 262-0203.

Weekly Calendar of Community Events

12/16/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
12/16/2018	SILENT AUCTION AND BAKE SALE	DONUT ROOM	AFTER ALL MASSES
12/18/2018	SENIORS CLUB	TJ ELLIOTT'S	11:30 AM
12/18/2018	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
12/18/2018	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
12/18/2018	SHARE & CARE MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	7:00 PM
12/19/2018	YOUTH GROUP MEETING	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
12/22/2018	CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL	CHURCH	5:30 PM
12/22/2018	DANCE WITH SANTA	BATES HALL	5:00—9:00 PM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Parishioners

Ronald Tayman, Beverlee Lee, Terrence O'Brien Sr., Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Mary Burton, Bob & Norma Raffaele, Catherine Dean, Mary Alice Bartman, George Bartman, Mary-Kate Turner, Mary Mack, Cathy Tayman, Mary Barrett, Alethea Patten, Francis Barnes, Michole Moore, Jolly Verghese, Joy Moore, Ina Devine, Pat & Pete Chambers, Mary Ann Boyer, Earl Perry, Sylvia and Joe Palmer, Lois Kaufman and Briar Smith.

Family & Friends

Genie Riordan Mulè, Ishell Kellyman, Reed Armstrong, Clifton Williams, Valerie Healy, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Miller, Francis Haislmaier, Michael Simasek, Becky Goodman, Patricia Hodge and Shirley Mackessy.

Mass Intentions for the Week

DECEMBER 18—DECEMBER 23

Tuesday	9:00 AM	Sylvia Palmer
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Florence Burge
Thursday	9:00 AM	+Carla Middleton
Friday	9:00 AM	+Benedict and +Andrea Volpicelli
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Florence Burge
	4:00 PM	+Dawn Stevenson
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Pat Lamb
	12:00 Noon	+Allen Smith

PARISH NEWS



Dance With Santa at Ascension, Saturday, December 22: All Kids and Teens Invited! Come for this fun holiday event at Ascension being hosted by our Fr. Peter C. Boyle Knights of Columbus #12254 of Ascension on Saturday, December 22 in Bates Hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Have last-minute shopping to finish? Drop your kids off

for a merry, rockin' good time! Or if you are looking for a fun holiday event to attend with your children, feel free to stay with them! Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 for a family of four or more. There will be a live DJ, light refreshments, and a photo with Santa! Don't miss out on this opportunity for your kids to enjoy some festive holiday fun! If you have any questions or for more information, please contact: Karl Caton, Grand Knight, at (301) 832-0837, Radames Mendoza, Deputy Grand Knight, at (301) 237-8491, Tom Torrell, Past Grand Knight, at (301) 262-8062, William Green, Jr., Warden, at (301) 938-1673.

Children's Choir Sign up today to sing at the 4:00 PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve! Singers in grades 1-12 are invited. Our next rehearsals are December 22 at 5:30 PM and December 24 at 3:00 PM. Email Kevin Schellhase, Director of Sacred Music, at kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com to sign up your child.

Attention Share & Care Meeting! This month, the Share & Care meeting, which is normally held on the second Tuesday of each month, will be held instead this Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM in the St. Mary room.

Attention Seniors! The Seniors Club has decided that going forward, the Seniors Club meeting and luncheon will be combined. This month, the meeting and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 11:30 AM at TJ Elliott's, 6814 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715. All seniors of the parish are invited to join us for fellowship and a delicious meal!

Warm Nights: Save the Date and Assistance Needed! Please mark your calendars for January 13-18, when Ascension will be opening the doors of its Bates Hall once again to participate in Warm Nights, an overnight Shelter Program in the Metro DC region offering shelter and support to individuals and families with children. If you have volunteered to assist in the past, or would like to do so for the first time, please mark these dates in your calendar and watch for upcoming announcements and updates. Currently, we are seeking someone who has experience with online sign up sites like SignUpGenius. We would like to use an online tool this year to manage and coordinate volunteers. If you have experience in this area and would like to help, please text Jeana Barber at (301) 957-5114.

New Parish Office Hours Starting in January: Starting in the new year, the Ascension parish office will only be open Monday through Wednesday during the week. Additionally, Fr. Larry's day off is being moved to Thursday to accommodate the new schedule.

Introduction to the New Testament Bible Study starting in January: Mark your calendars! A new weekly Introduction to the New Testament class to be hosted by our pastor Fr. Larry Young will be held Mondays starting in January. All parishioners are invited to join us as we gather together to glorify God and immerse ourselves in His Word.

Our 2019 Raffle is Here! A letter containing ten raffle tickets that we hope you will purchase has recently been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please remember to turn in your tickets and payment by Tuesday, December 22, 2018. The first winner will be announced in the bulletin distributed on Sunday, January 6, 2019. This is a great idea for stocking stuffers and Christmas or birthday presents for family and friends. Please call the parish office if you did not receive or would like additional tickets.

Faith Direct: In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Ascension Catholic Church, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: MD467. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account to make a one-time gift today! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24, 2018

4:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass for families with young children (Music by Children's Choir accompanied by Folk Group)
 10:00 PM — Choral prelude with piano and harp
 10:30 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass with Traditional Choir

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

8:30 AM – Christmas Day Mass
 10:00 AM – Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31, 2018 – 7:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
 Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 7:30 AM

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Advent Lessons and Carols On Sunday, December 16 from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) will hold an Advent concert with reflections on the Nativity story followed by caroling around the Christmas tree. For more information, contact (202) 635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org.

Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the National Shrine This year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 23 at the 4:30 PM Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambinelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please come for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! No tickets or reservations are required. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org.

National Shrine's Christmas Dinner for Those In Need The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or call the Basilica at (202) 526-8300.

Thinking of your New Year's Resolution yet? Plan to attend a Silent Retreat w/ Christ It's not too early to start 2019 with a closer relationship with Christ. Sign up now and plan a weekend get-away with Him. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent weekend retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola throughout the year. Here are some upcoming weekends: Spiritual Exercises for Women: January 4-6, 2019 / 3-day retreat / \$250 per person; April 12-14, 2019 / 3-day retreat/ \$250 per person. Spiritual Exercises for Men: December 7-9 / 3-day retreat in Advent / \$225 per person; February 1-3/ 3-day retreat/ \$250 per person (this retreat offers a separate track for high school and college age young men – a perfect opportunity for Father/ Son weekend).

Telephone Rosary for Healing The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8:00 PM, Mondays-Saturdays, at (605) 468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

RAFFLE Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Ms. Catherine Farley!

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